

Table FM-3. Average Number of Own Children Under 18 Per Family, By Type of Family: 1955 to Present

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

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Year	All Families				Families With own Children Under 18			
	Total	Married Couple	Male, no wife present	Female, no husband present	Total	Married Couple	Male, no wife present	Female, no husband present
2002	0.88	0.86	0.64	1.05	1.83	1.89	1.49	1.72
2001s	0.88	0.86	0.64	1.02	1.83	1.88	1.49	1.74
2000	0.90	0.88	0.66	1.05	1.87	1.94	1.50	1.75
1999	0.90	0.88	0.66	1.09	1.86	1.91	1.54	1.78
1998	0.91	0.88	0.70	1.08	1.85	1.90	1.52	1.78
1997	0.91	0.89	0.69	1.08	1.84	1.89	1.55	1.75
1996	0.92	0.89	0.69	1.11	1.86	1.90	1.49	1.81
1995	0.91	0.89	0.66	1.10	1.84	1.89	1.49	1.76
1994	0.91	0.89	0.67	1.08	1.84	1.88	1.49	1.75
1993	0.90	0.87	0.65	1.07	1.84	1.88	1.48	1.76
1992	0.90	0.88	0.64	1.08	1.85	1.88	1.51	1.79
1991	0.90	0.88	0.61	1.05	1.84	1.88	1.50	1.74
1990	0.89	0.88	0.60	1.04	1.83	1.87	1.50	1.72
1989	0.90	0.88	0.58	1.04	1.82	1.86	1.55	1.74
1988	0.89	0.88	0.58	1.03	1.81	1.84	1.51	1.74
1987	0.90	0.88	0.58	1.05	1.81	1.84	1.51	1.74
1986	0.91	0.90	0.57	1.06	1.83	1.86	1.46	1.78
1985	0.92	0.90	0.62	1.06	1.85	1.88	1.53	1.79
1984	0.93	0.92	0.59	1.05	1.85	1.89	1.50	1.76
1983	0.94	0.92	0.53	1.09	1.87	1.89	1.46	1.81
1982	0.95	0.93	0.52	1.13	1.87	1.89	1.53	1.80
1981	0.97	0.96	0.55	1.11	1.88	1.91	1.59	1.79
1980r	1.00	0.98	0.55	1.17	1.91	1.93	1.55	1.87
1979	1.01	1.00	0.56	1.16	1.93	1.95	1.63	1.86
1978	1.04	1.03	0.55	1.22	1.96	1.98	1.63	1.93
1977	1.07	1.06	0.54	1.23	2.01	2.02	1.66	1.99
1976	1.10	1.09	0.49	1.26	2.04	2.05	1.59	2.03
1975	1.13	1.12	0.60	1.27	2.09	2.09	1.85	2.10
1974	1.15	1.16	0.52	1.27	2.14	2.14	1.90	2.12
1973	1.18	1.19	0.50	1.26	2.17	2.18	1.87	2.20
1972	1.22	1.24	0.52	1.28	2.22	2.22	1.93	2.20
1971	1.28	1.30	0.53	1.32	2.31	2.31	2.00	2.33
1970r	1.27	1.30	0.54	1.20	2.28	2.29	1.93	2.29
1965	1.38	1.43	0.45	1.20	2.44	2.44	2.13	2.42
1960	1.33	1.39	0.35	1.04	2.33	2.34	1.88	2.24
1955	1.21	1.27	0.39	0.96	2.19	2.20	1.98	2.17

r Revised based on population from the decennial census for that year.

s Data for March 2001 and later use population controls based on Census 2000 and an expanded sample of households designed to improve state estimates of children with health insurance.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Demographic Supplement to the March 2002 Current Population Survey, Current Population Reports, Series P20-547, "Children's Living Arrangements and Characteristics: March 2002" and earlier reports.

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